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SUBJECT: DRAFT TEXT OF LETTER FROM EC PRESIDENCY TO
MR. JAZAIRY

REF: STATE 189327

1. FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT TEXT OF A LETTER TO BE SENT BY
HELMUT MATHIAS (FRG CHAIRMAN OF EC NORTH/SOUTH GROUP) TO
UNGA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CHAIRMAN JAZAIRY. TEXT WAS
GIVEN BY MATHIAS TO ECON MINISTER YORK IN COURSE OF
RECENT CONVERSATION WHICH IS REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"DRAFT OPENING PASSAGE FOR A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY
TO MR. JAZAIRY

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES TO OFFER COMMENTS ON
THE "NON-PAPER" WHICH YOU CIRCULATED AT THE INFORMAL
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT GENEVA ON
21 JULY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND WELCOME THIS
PAPER AS A MOST USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD FINALIZING
OUR DISCUSSION IN MAY OF THE IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF THE
TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. AS WE SAID IN GENEVA, THE FORM
OF THE PAPER IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE FOR
WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS DECLARED ITS PREFERENCE. WE
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HAVE FROM THE OUTSET ARGUED IN FAVOUR OF A CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT AS THE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF RECORDING
POSITIONS REACHED IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION AND AS
THE METHOD MOST LIKELY TO RECORD THE OUTCOME IN THE
MOST CONSTRUCTIVE WAY POSSIBLE. THE "NON-PAPER" WHICH
YOU CIRCULATED INCLINES TO THE FORM OF PAPER WHICH WE
WORKED ON IN MAY - A PROCEDURE WHICH WAS GENERALLY
THOUGHT TO BE UNFRUITFUL. INDEED, WORD-BY-WORD
NEGOTIATION DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE RIGHT PROCESS. BUT
WE THINK IN THIS CASE YOUR "NON-PAPER" OFFERS THE BEST
WAY FORWARD, AND WE ARE THEREFORE READY TO WORK ON THE
BASIS OF IT.

OUR UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE THAT, IN THE LIGHT
OF OUR COMMENTS AND THOSE OF OTHERS, AND IN THE LIGHT
OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THOSE COMMENTS IN SEPTEMBER,
IT WOULD BE YOUR INTENTION, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE, TO CIRCULATE A FURTHER VERSION WHICH WOULD
REPRESENT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON THIS ISSUE WHICH SHOULD NOT PROVOKE
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND FROM WHICH YOU WOULD
HOPE NO DELEGATION WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO DISSENT.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT,
AS WE AGREED IN GENEVA, A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS
OF PROCEDURE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT
WE OFFER YOU THE ATTACHED GENERAL COMMENTS ON
THE "NON-PAPER".

IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO YOU TO CLARIFY OUR
THINKING ON THIS, WE REMAIN AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE

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READY TO COME TO THE SEPTEMBER SESSION IN A
CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND, OF COURSE, WITH A DELEGATION
OF AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL, AND WE TRUST THAT OTHER
DELEGATIONS WILL DO LIKEWISE. GENERAL COMMENTS BY
THE EEC AND ITS MEMBER STATES ON THE NON-PAPER OF
21 JULY 1978 ON THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES.

--PARAGRAPH 6--

THE FIRST INDENT OF PARAGRAPH 6 SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT
TOO SPECIFIC IN THAT IT SUGGESTS A MORE PRECISE
DEGREE OF AGREEMENT IN MAY THAN WAS IN FACT THE CASE.
THE SECOND INDENT DOES NOT REFLECT THE FACT THAT
INFLATIONARY PROBLEMS AFFECT BOTH DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT INFLATION DERIVES FROM
EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FACTORS. IN ADDITION, IT IS
FELT THAT THE TWO CONCEPTS OF INFLATION AND
INDEBTEDNESS COULD BETTER BE TREATED SEPARATELY.
AS FAR AS INDEBTEDNESS IS CONCERNED, THE ANALYSIS MADE
IN THE PRESENT TEXT WOULD SEEM TO BE TOO GENERALIZED
AS THE SITUATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS VARY.

--PARAGRAPH 7--

IT COULD BE QUESTIONED WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL PER-
FORMANCE OF DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A
TEXT OF THIS NATURE. IN ADDITION ANY REFERENCE THAT
MIGHT BE MADE TO GROUPS OF COUNTRIES SHOULD APPEAR IN
THIS PARAGRAPH RATHER THAN IN PARAGRAPH 8, AND SHOULD
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ALSO INCLUDE THE OTHER GROUPS OF
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AS INDICATED ON DIFFERENT

OCCASIONS DURING THE MAY SESSION. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO RECENT CONSIDERED STATEMENTS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL REGARDING THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO AN INCREASED FLOW OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. MATERIAL ON THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT BREMEN AND BONN SUMMITS, AND OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE, WAS CIRCULATED BY THE COMMUNITY AT THE INFORMAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON 20 JULY 1978. IT IS FELT THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE ADJUSTMENT OF TERMS OF PAST LOANS SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE DECISION OF THE MARCH 1978 MEETING OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF UNCTAD REFERRED TO PAST BILATERAL ODA.

THE THIRD INDENT OF PARAGRAPH 7 SEEMS TO EXAGGERATE SOMEWHAT THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT REACHED AND, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE QUESTION OF THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF LDCS IS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER THE RELEVANT AGENDA ITEM AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MORE QUALIFIED REFERENCES TO THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN THIS TEXT.

IN THE LAST INDENT OF PARAGRAPH 7 THE PAPER SUGGESTS THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE MEANS BY WHICH THE QUALITY OF ODA SHOULD BE IMPROVED. THIS IS FELT TO GO BEYOND WHAT WAS IN FACT AGREED IN MAY. IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO INDICATE THAT THIS IS A FIELD WHERE FURTHER WORK BY DONOR COUNTRIES IS NEEDED IN THE APPROPRIATE BODIES.

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--PARAGRAPH 8--

THE THIRD INDENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH SEEMS TO BE
SOMEWHAT VAGUE AND IT IS FELT THAT THE RIGHT OF MEMBER
STATES SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED TO INCREASE THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE UN-FUNDS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

--PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 11--

THESE PARAGRAPHS SHOULD REFLECT THE VIEW THAT
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SHOULD STAY AS CLOSE AS
POSSIBLE TO THE MANDATE IT RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, RESPECTING THE COMPETENCES OF OTHER
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

--PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14--

BOTH THESE PARAGRAPHS SEEM TO PREJUDGE THE
OUTCOME OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OR OF THE STUDIES AND
REPORT PROPOSED THEREIN. CONCLUSIONS SHOULD ONLY BE
DRAWN AFTER FURTHER STUDY OF THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED,
AND IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THESE
PARAGRAPHS TO BE MORE IN THE FORM OF A PROPOSAL PUT
FORWARD BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

IN ADDITION, THE ELEMENTS ADDRESSED UNDER BOTH
PARAGRAPHS WERE EITHER ONLY PARTIALLY DISCUSSED OR
NOT DISCUSSED AT ALL DURING THE MAY SESSION OF THE
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